

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
Before the Designated/Elected Office

Application of:

Inventors : Dietmar Koster  
Eric A. Schueler

Serial No. : Terry Nels  
(Application filed  
Filed : concurrently herewith)  
Title : SLIDING ELEMENT  
Docket No. : VOL 053 P2

Mail Stop PCT  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Certificate of Express Mail Under 37 CFR 1.10

"Express Mail" mailing label number:  
EL 994182278 US

Date of Deposit: 10/20/05

I hereby certify that this paper and fee is being  
deposited with the United States Postal Service  
"Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service  
under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated above  
and is addressed to Mail Stop PCT., Commissioner  
for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-  
1450 by Marilyn McIntosh

*Marilyn McIntosh*  
(Signature of person mailing paper & fee)

Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION**

Please amend the accompany application prior to calculating the  
filing fee therefor as follows:

**Amendments to the specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which  
begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.